



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: June 19, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Accept Final Costs and Project Closeout – CTR018 Ballpark Area Pedestrian Improvements**

Recommendation:

- A. Receive and accept final costs of \$1,500,000 for capital project CTR018 Ballpark Area Pedestrian Improvements Project. Decrease appropriation in 04100-9010943 CTR018 by \$75,000 thereby closing the project. Reallocate excess revenue to the project listed below;
- B. Reallocate and increase appropriation by \$75,000 to 04100-9010937 CPV008 I-35W and Lake Street Interchange Project, this project is not being closed.

Previous Directives:

- December 11, 2008 Council Resolution 2008R-544 – Adopting the 2009-2013 Five Year Capital Program (TR018 Ballpark Area Pedestrian Improvements).
- April 16, 2010 Council Action – Authorizing City officers to negotiate and execute a contract with the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for cost participation in a pedestrian improvement project and authorizing City officers to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Target Center and their facility management company AEG to maintain the improvements associated with the pedestrian improvement project.

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Reviews Not Applicable

Financial Impact

No financial impact and within existing City Financial Policies.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Supports City Transportation Goals
Comprehensive Plan: Consistent
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

In preparation for the opening of Target Field in April 2010, the City's 2009 budget included a line item for infrastructure improvements near the site of the new ballpark (CTR018 Ballpark Area Pedestrian Improvements). This funding was used to implement several initiatives that have helped to improve all modes of transportation to and from the Target Field area including vehicular, pedestrian, transit and bicycle.

The specific improvements that have been implemented include:

1. An event signal timing plan
2. Implementation of dynamic parking lane signage along 1st Ave N
3. A wayfinding plan for pedestrians both on-street and in the skyway as well as vehicular wayfinding
4. Installation of a number of changeable message signs throughout downtown
5. Improvements to the pedestrian realm including landscaping and safety improvements to the traffic median near the intersection of 2nd Ave N and 7th St N
6. Installation of a number of bicycle racks

These improvements are complete and the project is ready close with some excess funding which is being recommended for use on CPV008 I-35W and Lake Street Interchange Project, currently known as the Transit Access Project. The Transit Access Project has funding in place to cover the existing cooperative agreement with Hennepin County and to develop this project to a 30% design. The additional funding from this close-out will be used to fund amendments to this existing agreement for work that is necessary to reach the 30% design.